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SUBJECT: The inception of wide use of recombinant Bovine Growth Hormone for production of milk in 1994.

By May and June of 1994 it had become generally understood that the genetically engineered recombinant Bovine Growth Hormone was being widely used on dairy farms to enhance the production of milk in cows. In 1994 I kept a few pet mice as I was interested in their nutrition. When a mouse was ailing it was a favorite practice of mine to hold back solid foods and just feed a bit of whey powder dissolved in water. This usually brought the animal back to good health.

The brand of whey was Schiff's W-Whey. Large quantities of milk are required to produce whey, which is a by-product in the manufacture of cheese. Genetically engineered rBGH hormone would be helpful in generating the milk needed.

When a mouse began to ail at the end of July 1994 I followed my usual practice of feeding only liquid whey for a few days. I found the mouse lying dead on August 7, 1994.

Since then I have boiled all milk or milk-derived products for use as human or animal food.

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